

# ANNUAL REPORT: 2013

## MESSAGE FROM THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

The last year was one of great progress and great challenge, and I am proud of the efforts of our office to excel even in the face of fiscal hurdles that included a weeks-long government shutdown in early October.

In some ways, 2013 was a year of realizing past commitments. The Public Integrity Working Group, launched in 2012, and led by Senior Litigation Counsel Brad Blackington, produced discernible results across the state and throughout every level of government.

And these efforts to clean up the state's "culture of corruption" did not go unnoticed, with *Indianapolis Monthly* naming this office its "Crusader of the Year." In addition, our public integrity effort was awarded Common Cause of Indiana's "Mr. Clean Award" for 2013.

The Violent Crime Initiative (VCI) entered its third year and continues to generate collaborative investigations with lasting local impacts. When

launched in 2011, Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry Glickman and his colleagues pledged to help local officials stop the revolving door of justice for habitual, violent offenders. Working across jurisdictional lines, we've kept that promise, and in 2013 these efforts helped break an all-time record for number of violent crime convictions in the Southern District.

In other areas, though, 2013 was a year of invention, as we continued to seek ways to improve our service to Hoosiers taxpayers.

Thanks to our Senior Litigation Counsel Steve DeBrotta, the office commenced Operation Community Watch, a novel effort to protect Indiana's children by focusing on child exploitation that takes place right here in Indiana. Taking advantage of technology developed with our local partners and Purdue University, we're making it easier than ever for



investigators to quickly locate perpetrators of these crimes – and save the young victims who suffer at their hands.

The office also created the Southern District's first federal Civil Rights Task Force, led by Assistant U.S. Attorney Debra Richards, which has worked tirelessly in its first year to create new relationships that will better enable the office to protect the civil rights of all Hoosiers. This work will be celebrated in just a few short weeks, when the state's inaugural federal Civil Rights Symposium takes place with our Task Force's support.

Please join in a review of these and other efforts over the past year.

## USAO HIGHLIGHTS: YEAR IN REVIEW

- *Violent Crime Initiative continues to produce results*
- *Public Integrity Working Group generates new cases*
- *Protecting children with "Operation Community Watch"*
- *Banner year for new Civil Rights Task Force*
- *U.S. Attorney's Office continues dedication to fiscal responsibility*

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## VIOLENT CRIME INITIATIVE: GUNS AND FELONS

In March of 2011, the Office of the United States Attorney created the Violent Crime Initiative (VCI), a district-wide strategy to combat drug traffickers and habitual criminals that use and carry illegally-possessioned firearms in their criminal activities.

In October 2010, there was just one Assistant United States Attorney assigned to prosecute

violent felons who illegally possessed firearms.

By 2013, there were 17 other federal prosecutors joined in that task, as well as two Special Assistant U.S. Attorney positions created in cooperation with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office and Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Nick Hermann. The

result has been a significant increase in the number of gun-related prosecutions.

In the last year, prosecutors continued to build stronger relationships between federal and local organizations, guided by a simple goal: prosecute more violent gun-related cases than ever before.



IN 2013, THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S VIOLENT CRIME INITIATIVE CONTINUED TO TARGET FELONS WHO ILLEGALLY ARM THEMSELVES

FEDERAL PROSECUTION OFFERS MANY ADVANTAGES AS PART OF THE OFFICE'S MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL EFFORT TO FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME

## THE POWER OF FEDERAL PROSECUTION

There are four noteworthy advantages to federal prosecution: (1) federal criminal justice allows the government to vigorously argue that violent criminals should be detained before trial; (2) in many cases,

(particularly drug, gun, and gang prosecutions), convicted defendants face longer, stiffer sentences; (3) once sentenced, federal rules mandate that, at a minimum, 85% of that sentence be served behind bars; and (4)

there is no such thing as a "local" federal prison – and it's pretty hard to continue running your criminal enterprise in Indiana when you're sitting in a prison cell in Montana or Utah.

## 2013 INDIANAPOLIS VIOLENT CRIME INITIATIVE: PROJECT GOTHAM

In the last 18 months, Indianapolis has unfortunately experienced an unacceptable rise in gun violence. Gun crime was up 31% citywide in 2012. The 2013 murder rate was the highest in six years. Repeated violent home invasions have shocked the

community.

In response, the United States Attorney's Office announced a coordinated response designed to provide an influx of federal resources to support IMPD's law enforcement efforts.

These federal efforts have resulted in more than two-dozen prosecutions in Indianapolis. The criminal histories of these "worst of the worst" defendants represent more than 100 prior felonies in the Indianapolis metropolitan area.

In addition, millions in federal grants have been awarded to local law enforcement, including more than \$1.5 million for new equipment, new staff, and funds to strengthen crime labs, bolstering the city's forensic equipment.

## U.S. ATTORNEY OFFICE'S VIOLENT CRIME INITIATIVE: BY THE NUMBERS

### Firearms (18 U.S.C. 922 and 924)\* Southern District of Indiana

Category	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	Average of FY09-FY12	FY 2013**	Percent change of the average to the current year
Matters Received	52	56	91	81	70	106	↑ 51.4%
Defendants Filed	46	54	84	95	70	102	↑ 46.2%
Cases Filed	41	42	65	80	57	88	↑ 54.4%
Defendants Guilty	36	53	60	90	60	77	↑ 28.9%
No Prison	0	4	3	5	3	10	↑ 233.3%
1-12 months	2	2	1	6	3	4	↑ 45.5%
13-24 months	2	2	1	13	5	6	↑ 33.3%
25-36 months	2	2	2	4	3	5	↑ 100.0%
37-60 months	1	8	9	11	7	12	↑ 65.5%
61+ months	29	35	44	51	40	40	↔ 0.6%

\*This chart includes any and all criminal cases where 18 U.S.C. 922 or 924 was brought as any charge against a defendant. However, both statutes were run together to eliminate any double counting of cases/defendants when more than one subsection of Section 922 or 924 was charged against the same defendant, or both Sections 922 and 924 were charged against the same defendant. 61+ includes life and death sentences.

\*\*FY 2013 numbers are actual data through the end of September 2013.

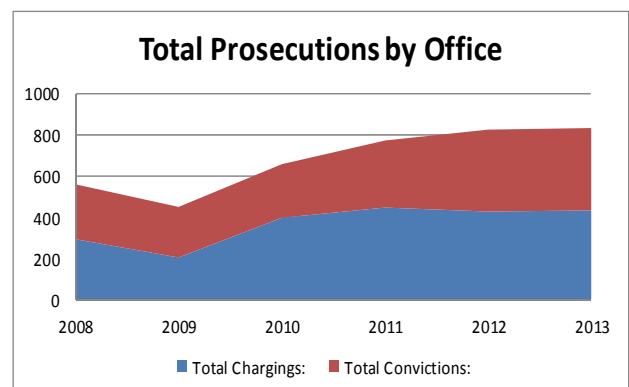
## OFFICE CONTINUES RECORD-SETTING PACE

Just three years ago, the U.S. Attorney's office had never convicted more than 300 defendants in a year. Thanks in large part to the VCI, the last three years have produced a dramatic increase in the number of charges and convictions.

In 2013, both the total number of defendants charged (432) and sentenced (399) were well

above average and notable improvements over the prior year. The total number of convictions was a new record.

As part of the VCI, the office also continued utilizing federal sentencing tools that have contributed, in part, to the southern district's prosecutions producing some of the longest average prison sentence in the entire country in recent years.



## THE FIGHT AGAINST THE “CULTURE OF CORRUPTION”

In early 2012, the office of the U.S. Attorney declared that there would be an expanded focus on issues of government corruption, public integrity, and private sector white-collar prosecution.

To accomplish these goals, the formal creation of a Public Integrity Working Group was announced.

The Working Group consists of representatives from federal and state law

enforcement agencies. It meets regularly to share information regarding public corruption investigations.

This unique collaborative environment allows for greater cooperation between agencies, and is designed to facilitate faster, more effective investigations of public and private corruption in the district.

Prosecutions generated by the Working Group are spearheaded by the U.S.

Attorney’s Office’s Senior Litigation Counsel, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Bradley A. Blackington and Steven D. DeBrot, who together are among the most experienced trial attorneys in the country.

To assist in this effort, and in a nod to the critical role that whistleblowers often play in prosecutions of public or private corruption, the U.S. Attorney’s Office created a public corruption hotline at (317) 229-2443.

United States Attorney's Office  
Public Corruption Hotline  
317-229-2443



## INVESTIGATION OF THE INDIANAPOLIS LAND BANK PROGRAM

In May, a federal grand jury indicted two employees of the Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) who had overseen the operation of the Indianapolis Land Bank program. One of the two primary defendants was a former administrative aide to the Mayor of Indianapolis.

The purpose of the Land Bank

is to acquire abandoned and tax delinquent properties in Indianapolis and make them available for sale to non-profit and for-profit real estate developers. For-profit investors interested in purchasing real estate from the Land Bank must ask the city treasurer to include the property in a sealed-bid auction, but non-profit purchasers may bypass the

auction process, buying real estate for a cheaper price.

The grand jury indictment alleges that the employees accepted “kick-backs” to facilitate fraudulent property sales to non-profits that would then sell the property to for-profit businesses.

This was followed by an additional December indictment charging an

individual with wire fraud scheme involving a city mowing contract with the Land Bank program.

Six individuals have now been indicted. One defendant has petitioned the court to enter a plea of guilty, while the five remaining defendants are scheduled for jury trial in Indianapolis in May 2014.

## CHARGES AGAINST FORMER MARION COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY PROSECUTOR



In another case filed in May, 2013, the U.S. Attorney’s office charged former Marion County Chief Deputy Prosecutor David Wyser with accepting an illicit reward in order to modify a prisoner’s sentence.

In pleading guilty, Wyser admitted that in his capacity as Chief Deputy, he had several discussions with a

defense lawyer who represented a prisoner serving a seventy year sentence for murder, at which time the topic of Wyser receiving campaign contributions from the prisoner’s father arose.

On the same day one of these discussions took place, the father of the prisoner wrote a \$2,500 check to the

Committee to Elect David Wyser. An agreement to modify the prisoner’s sentence, signed by David Wyser, was filed and executed, resulting in the prisoner’s early release.

After the acceptance of his guilty plea, Wyser was sentenced by the court in November.

## ALLEGED EVANSVILLE MONEY LAUNDERING SCHEME CHARGED

In the Evansville Division, the office filed charges against Jay Carter, a member of the Evansville Redevelopment Commission, alleging that he assisted a marijuana-trafficking group with efforts to launder their proceeds.



The alleged scheme involved hundreds of pounds of marijuana, which would then be distributed locally to other drug dealers and drug users. These activities resulted in large amounts of cash proceeds for the two men, and others associated with their alleged criminal activity.

Carter allegedly agreed to assist these drug dealers in their efforts to launder these significant cash proceeds by facilitating real estate transfers, business deals, financial transactions, and in at

least one case testifying before the Evansville Public Safety Committee in support of the awarding of a city contract that benefitted the group financially.

In a separate scheme, it is also alleged that Carter purchased a local nightclub for the drug dealers, laundering their illicit profits through the business.

If convicted, Carter faces up to twenty years in federal prison, as well as significant fines. He is scheduled to go to trial in the Summer of 2014.

## WEST-CENTRAL INDIANA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, WIFE PLEAD GUILTY

Frank Mejean served as the elected Trustee for Jefferson Township in Sullivan County for many years. During his tenure, he hired his wife Antonnette to serve as Township Clerk and Township Investigator. At the same time, he awarded his wife a lawn maintenance contract serving Jefferson Township.

A federal grand jury indicted the pair with engaging in a scheme to defraud taxpayers by overpaying their annual salaries, as well as overpaying Antonnette for the lawn maintenance contract. The two submitted false financial documents to the Indiana State Board of Accounts to attempt to

cover up these improper expenditures.

In addition, the pair used Jefferson Township funds to pay a variety of personal expenses, and also funneled taxpayer money into a business owned by Frank Mejean known as Frank Mejean Plumbing. These payments allegedly totaled

tens of thousands of dollars over the last four years.

The pair have now plead guilty to these charges, and a sentencing hearing has been set for March 11, 2014. Under federal law, they could face up to twenty years in federal prison, as well as significant fines.

## THE CASE AGAINST IMPERIAL PETROLEUM (EVANSVILLE AND MUNCIE)



In September, the United States Attorney's office announced the return of two indictments against six individuals and three companies associated with the Evansville-based Imperial Petroleum company for offenses involving federal renewable fuel programs.

The scheme allegedly cost victims and taxpayers more than \$100 million.

The 88 counts included in the charging documents include allegations of conspiracy, wire fraud, false tax claims, false statements under the Clean Air Act, obstruction of justice, money laundering and securities fraud.

The case represents the largest tax and securities fraud case in Indiana history, and one of the first times that corporate entities have faced indictment

for criminal fraud.

If found guilty, the six defendants in this case all face up to twenty years in federal prison. Trial dates have been set for 2014.

An additional defendant was charged by information, and has petitioned the court to enter a plea of guilty and cooperate with investigators.



## PROTECTING INDIANA LAW ENFORCEMENT



In recent years, our country experienced a record number of law enforcement fatalities at the hands of criminals. Many of those deaths were due to ambush-style tactics, in which individuals opened fire on law enforcement officers in the line of duty.

In response, United States Attorney General Eric Holder directed all U.S. Attorneys to go out into their districts, and focus on finding ways to better protect the safety of law enforcement in our

communities. To this end, our U.S. Attorney has met with local leaders in all 60 counties of the southern district for the last three years.

The result of these meetings has been a record number of indictments filed against individuals who contributed to attacks against Hoosier law enforcement officers. Last year saw the fewest law enforcement deaths in the United States since 1959.

In 2013, our local efforts

continued, and below are examples of how we continue to work to keep our law enforcement partners safe.

We also paused this year to reflect on the sacrifice of Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Officer Rod Bradway, who was tragically killed in September.

As in previous cases, the U.S. Attorney's Office has fully cooperated with local law enforcement in investigating that murder.

## PROSECUTION AND SENTENCING OF ERIC "BOO" JENKINS

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Officer David Moore was murdered in the line of duty in January of 2011.

In the days following the shooting of Officer Moore, investigators discovered that Jenkins had provided a loaded Bersa .380 caliber semiautomatic handgun to Thomas Hardy, known by

Jenkins to be a convicted felon.

Hardy subsequently used that firearm to shoot Officer Moore numerous times with after Officer Moore stopped Hardy's vehicle for a traffic violation.

Jenkins was charged in 2012 with illegally possessing the firearm that was given to Thomas Hardy, and he

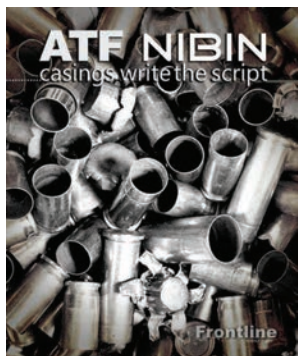
entered a plea of guilty.

In August 2013, defendant Eric "Boo" Jenkins was sentenced by U.S. District Judge William T. Lawrence to 57 months in federal prison.

"Mr. Jenkins was not with Thomas Hardy when Hardy ambushed a beloved member of our law enforcement family, but his bad acts were," said Hogsett.



## U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SPONSORS NIBIN TRAININGS



In order to better disrupt a supply chain that continues to illegally arm felons, the office has begun working with local law enforcement to organize training events aimed at fully implementing enhanced ballistic information tracking through the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN).

Established in 1999 and administered by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the program allows for guns and ammunition found on local defendants to be matched against a national database of weapons used in criminal activity.

Prior to the NIBIN Program, firearms examiners performed this process

manually, which was extremely time and labor intensive.

Now, investigators can simply enter evidence into the NIBIN system, where they are matched against the national database. Law enforcement can quickly search for connections within their jurisdiction, neighboring ones, and others across the country.

## ILLEGAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT: PROTECTING HOOSIER COMMUNITIES



The Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) Program is the centerpiece of the United States Attorney's drug strategy to reduce the availability of drugs by disrupting and dismantling major drug trafficking organizations and money laundering organizations and related criminal enterprises.

OCDETF combines the resources and unique exper-

tise of numerous local and federal agencies in a coordinated attack against major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations.

Participants involved include the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, and the

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The OCDETF strategy aims to focus federal drug resources on reducing the flow of illicit drugs and drug proceeds by identifying and targeting the major trafficking organizations and eliminating the financial infrastructure of drug organizations.

In 2013, the U.S. Attorney's OCDETF team continued to produce significant results.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT 2013 OCDETF STATISTICS

- In the last three fiscal years, the United States Attorney's office has initiated 33 new large-scale drug investigations, an increase over the prior three years.
- Over the last fiscal year, 161 new defendants were charged by the OCDETF team, and 155 defendants were convicted.
- Over the last two years, the number of OCDETF defendants indicted is up 21%, and the number of defendants convicted in that period of time is up 37%.
- In the last fiscal year, 100% of all investigations initiated by of the OCDETF team resulted in the dismantling or disruption of the target organization.
- Our OCDETF team was well above the national average in cases per AUSA, with numbers comparable to much larger jurisdictions such as New York City and Miami

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## OPERATION "FIVE DOLLAR FOOTLONG"



A multi-year OCDETF investigation resulted in the November announcement of a city-wide operation that dismantled a massive drug trafficking organization in the Indianapolis area.

The arrests were part of "Operation Five Dollar Footlong," named because a truck in which drug proceeds were found was carrying a

sandwich wrappers.

The effort targeted a group that allegedly imported thousands of pounds of marijuana into the city. As a result of the operation, 21 defendants were charged (10 federally, 11 in state court) and significant quantities of drugs and guns were seized.

"In two years, this federal operation has resulted in the

seizure of more than 15,000 pounds of marijuana and nearly \$5 million in suspected drug proceeds," U.S. Attorney Joe Hogsett.

"Thanks to the tireless work of our law enforcement partners, we can say today that another dangerous criminal organization has been dismantled in Indianapolis."

## PROTECTING HOOSIER CHILDREN



The United States Attorney Office's Project Safe Childhood (PSC) is a unified and comprehensive strategy to combat child exploitation.

Initiated nationally in May, 2006, Project Safe Childhood combines law enforcement efforts, community action, and public awareness. The goal of Project Safe Childhood is to reduce the incidence of sexual exploitation of children.

There are five essential components to Project Safe Childhood: (1) building partnerships; (2) coordinating law enforcement; (3) training PSC partners; (4) public awareness; and (5) accountability.

In the southern district, the Project Safe Childhood team has gained national recognition as a leader in the field of protecting children. Prosecutors from the office have spoken at trainings and

seminars across the country, and techniques developed here in Indiana have been studied and are now being implemented by law enforcement in other states.

Working closely with state and federal law enforcement partners, the office continues to pool our experience and resources to ensure that those offenders who seek to entice and compromise Hoosier children are brought to justice.

## OPERATION COMMUNITY WATCH

In early 2013, in response to the growing threat of sexual exploitation both online and off-line, the U.S. Attorney's Office launched a new effort focusing exclusively on Hoosier communities and neighborhoods.

Operation Community Watch is a commitment by the Project Safe Childhood team to satisfy one guiding principle – nothing is more important than the safety of Hoosier children. And that means that the office's policy on child pornography and child exploitation is quite simple: zero tolerance.

Zero tolerance means there is no acceptable amount of this type of behavior, and it does not matter if you were not the producer of these disgusting materials. Zero tolerance means it doesn't

matter to us if you're part of an international conspiracy, or if you are simply a conspiracy of one.

Every single time these materials are viewed or traded, a child is exploited. And with the launch of Operation Community Watch, we recommitted ourselves to bringing that exploitation to an end here in Indiana.

In its first year, Community Watch has resulted in the identification and

investigation of dozens of defendants using ground-breaking technological tools that have largely been developed in Indiana.

Working with partners that include Purdue University, investigators now have the ability to serve search warrants and process forensic examinations faster than ever before.

This has produced more investigations, more defendants, and more efficient prosecutions.

And it also means that for those in Indiana who continue to trade and collect child pornography, the message should be loud and clear: You are not anonymous online. There is no place to run, and there is no place to hide from us. And your days of freedom are numbered.

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## PROSECUTION OF FORMER FBI BOMB EXPERT DONALD SACHTLEBEN



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CONVICTED OF CHILD  
EXPLOITATION AND  
DIVULGING NATIONAL  
SECURITY SECRETS

This past year also saw the conviction and sentencing of Donald Sachtleben, a Carmel resident and former FBI bomb technician who later worked as a government contractor.

In his work, Sachtleben held top secret security clearance and had regular access to classified and national defense information relating to the FBI's activities, as well as the activities of members of the U.S. intelligence community.

In May 2012, an extensive investigation was launched into child pornography trafficking. This activity was traced to Sachtleben's home in Carmel. A search warrant was executed and the defendant was charged with possession and distribution of child pornography.

Federal investigators later discovered that Sachtleben was involved with leaking national security secrets to a news reporter in the days

surrounding his arrest on child exploitation charges. The information he leaked involved the disruption of a suicide bombing plot by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.

In November, Sachtleben was sentenced to 140 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to possessing and distributing child pornography, as well as unlawfully disclosing national defense information relating to a disrupted terrorist plot.

## FORMER BOY SCOUT LEADER CHARGED, CONVICTED

In July 2013, prosecutors obtained a conviction in the case of Ryan Bieler, a former Senior District Executive of the Boy Scouts Buffalo Trace Council, based in Evansville.

After finding references to Bieler's home address in the search of records related to a foreign child pornography company, law enforcement executed a search warrant at

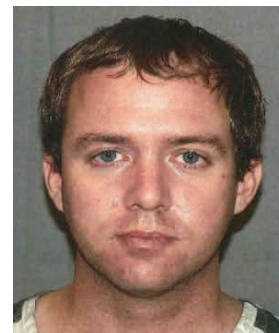
Bieler's home in DuBois County, where they found materials depicting child exploitation.

Investigators also located written material in the defendant's home in which Bieler described his physical attraction to particular boys he had access to and interaction with through his positions with the Boy Scouts

of America.

The Boy Scouts of America fully cooperated with federal law enforcement in pursuing this case, which was lead by the United States Postal Inspection Service and Homeland Security Investigations.

In July, Bieler entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to 78 months in federal prison.



## INTERNATIONAL CHILD EXPLOITATION CONSPIRACY

TWO MEN WERE  
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ADOPTED SON IN  
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CONTINENTS.

In one of the most horrific cases in office history, two men were charged with exploiting their adopted son in a scheme that stretched across three continents.

Peter Truong, an Australian citizen, along with Mark Newton, an American citizen living in Australia, orchestrated and recorded the abuse of the

young child at the hands of a number of other men around the world.

Over the course of this scheme to sexually exploit their son, Newton and Truong were also found to have engaged in a conspiracy to transport the child pornography produced during these encounters to individuals

around the world. This included providing the material to at least one individual in Indiana, who has now also been charged.

Both defendants pleaded guilty. Truong was sentenced to 30 years in prison, while Newton was sentenced to 40 years.

## CIVIL DIVISION: YEAR IN REVIEW



The Office's Civil Division handles an incredibly diverse caseload, including litigation on topics from medical malpractice to health care fraud, discrimination to bankruptcy, Social Security appeals to civil collection.

The Division also serves the critical role as the defender of civil rights within the southern district, defending Hoosiers when they are

discriminated against in violation of federal or constitutional law.

In 2013, there were more than 1,500 new civil cases opened and assigned to Assistant United States Attorneys within the Office.

This pace is above last year, and more than double the rate of new cases than were seen by the Office just a

decade ago.

That doubling has been, in part, due to an increase in the number of civil cases produced as a result of whistleblowers in the last few years.

This is especially true in the area of health care fraud, where significant case resolutions have resulted in millions of dollars worth of civil and criminal fines.

## CIVIL RIGHTS TASK FORCE, SYMPOSIUM LAUNCHED

Traditionally, nearly all civil rights matters have been handled by the Justice Department. In January 2013, the U.S. Attorney announced an additional strategy, launching the first Civil Rights Task Force in the Southern District's history.

In its first year, the group successfully processed 31 complaints, opened five criminal investigations, and

established strong working relationships with advocacy groups and concerned community members.

They also assisted with efforts to identify victims of a \$335 million civil rights settlement that affected more than 1,300 African-American and Latino Hoosiers.

To assist these efforts, the Civil Rights Task Force has

created a new federal civil rights complaint form to make reaching the Task Force as simple as possible. Copies of the form are available at: [www.justice.gov/usao/ins/](http://www.justice.gov/usao/ins/)

Finally, the Task Force has organized the District's first federal symposium on Civil Rights. Information on the event can be found on the opposite page.



## INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY ADA AGREEMENT

In January, the office joined with representatives of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and disability community in

FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, THE SPEEDWAY HAS BEEN A TREASURED SYMBOL FOR ALL HOOSIERS, AND THIS AGREEMENT ENSURES THAT IT WILL BE NOW BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL HOOSIERS.

announcing the execution of an agreement between the IMS and the Department of Justice that sets a definitive timeline for bringing the 104 year-old Speedway into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Built in 1909, the Speedway is the largest spectator sporting facility in the world, and is among the oldest. Nearly all of the facility was

constructed prior to the enactment of the ADA.

The office has worked with IMS officials over the course of multiple visits to identify what reforms and physical restructuring would be required to bring the facility into full ADA compliance.

All told, more than 360 features at the Speedway were identified as areas to be

modified or improved to meet the requirements of the ADA. The agreement sets out a path to complete compliance that includes modifying areas throughout the Speedway to improve access, altering various paths of travel, and ensuring that the Speedway's policies and training procedures provide equal access to the fullest extent feasible.



# The United States Attorney's Office

Southern District of Indiana  
Civil Rights Task Force  
*Presents*

## **Civil Rights Symposium** **March 4, 2014, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.** **Indiana State Police Museum** **8620 East 21st Street** **Indianapolis, Indiana 46219**

**About the Symposium:** This 1/2 day symposium is designed for individuals, advocacy groups, and government employees who are interested in civil rights in America today. The sessions reflect many of the top priorities of the United States Department of Justice and other current civil rights issues of concern to Hoosiers every day. Attendees will be provided with critical knowledge and information that will equip them to better understand important civil rights legislation, trends and "hot button" issues, and rights under the law.

- Welcome by **Joseph H. Hogsett**,  
United States Attorney
- Civil Rights Challenges Fifty Years after the Passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
**Jocelyn Samuels**,  
Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights
- Housing Discrimination is Illegal—a Discussion of Federal Civil Rights Laws and Trends  
**Lisa Danna-Brennan** and **Maurice McGough**
- Improving Cultural Competence – Engaging and Building Relations with American Muslims  
**Habibe Ali** and **Kenith Bergeron**
- Crowns and Camo  
**Ashlee Lundvall**, Ms. Wheelchair USA 2014

**Registrations are due by February 18, 2014**  
**Space is Limited; Please Register Early**

*Registrations may be submitted to email address: [USAINS.Registration@usdoj.gov](mailto:USAINS.Registration@usdoj.gov)  
or by fax at (317) 226-5027*

**2.5 hours CLE available**

*See [www.justice.gov/usao/ins](http://www.justice.gov/usao/ins) for more information*

*Do you require special assistance? If so, please contact the  
Civil Rights Task Force by February 18, 2014, at (317) 226-6333*



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## CONTINUED FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AT THE USAO

OFFICE  
SPENDING HAS  
REMAINED AT  
ITS LOWEST  
LEVEL SINCE  
FISCAL YEAR  
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The United States Attorney's office announced that for the third straight fiscal year, total office spending fell, reversing what had been a multi-year trend of rising expenditures.

In fiscal year 2013, which ended on September 30, the U.S. Attorney's office reduced spending by more than \$120,000, a drop in spending of 1.6%. Office spending has achieved its lowest overall level since

fiscal year 2008.

These reductions have been accomplished in a number of ways – accepting attrition, reducing travel and conference costs, finding internal efficiencies, and cutting down on non-essential expenses – none of which significantly weakened the office's law enforcement efforts.

In fact, over this same period

of time, a number of milestones have been achieved by the office.

In 2011, 442 defendants were federally charged in the southern district, an all-time record that represented a 204% increase over 2009 figures. In 2012, 421 defendants were convicted and sentenced, another all-time record for the office.

These prosecution figures have remained historically high in 2013.

**Annual Spending and Corresponding Percentages from FY 2007 through FY 2013  
for the United States Attorney's office for the southern district of Indiana**

Year	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Annual Spending Costs	\$6,581.5 - \$6,859.0	\$6,859.0 - \$7,235.0	\$7,235.0 - \$7,746.1	\$7,746.1 - \$7,928.1	\$7,928.1 - \$7,850.1	\$7,850.1 - \$7,648.2	\$7,648.2 - \$7,527.8
Difference	+4.2%	+5.5%	+7.1%	+2.3%	-1.0%	-2.6%	-1.6%

At current spending levels, it is entirely possible that the United States Attorney's office will be operating at fiscal levels not seen since October 1, 2008, yet at the same time, will be operating at historic levels of defendants charged, convictions, and sentence lengths.

## CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COLLECTIONS

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The Civil Division includes the Financial Litigation Unit, which handles all criminal and civil collections for the office. In December, the office announced a continued a trend of decreased spending over the last year while, at the same time, bringing in more than \$16 million in civil and criminal collections and forfeitures.

Total collections for the United States Attorney's office exceeded \$16,445,857 million in Fiscal Year 2013, while just \$7.5 million was spent to operate the office.

According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice, over the last three years the U.S. Attorney's Office's has collected \$32,256,312, which

represents approximately 40% more than the office's operating expenditures of \$23,026,100 over that same period of time.

The total recovery included \$13,331,987 in criminal collections, as well as \$3,113,870 in civil collections, which are used predominantly to compensate victims and taxpayers.



# U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: IN THE NEWS



## BELATED UPDATES COMING TO SPEEDWAY

AS PART OF FEDERAL SETTLEMENT, THE TRACK AGREES TO MAKE CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE DISABLED VISITORS

By Dave Kasper

It's been a long time since the Indianapolis Motor Speedway was the center of a federal lawsuit. But in 2009, the track was named in a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis, alleging that the track was not accessible to disabled visitors. The lawsuit was part of a larger federal effort to ensure that public facilities are accessible to all citizens.

The track has since agreed to a settlement with the U.S. Attorney's Office, which includes a commitment to make significant accessibility improvements. These improvements include the construction of a new accessible grandstand, the installation of accessible restrooms, and the creation of accessible parking spaces. The track also agreed to provide accessible transportation for disabled visitors.

The settlement is a landmark decision for the track, as it is the first time a major sports venue has been required to make such extensive accessibility improvements. The track's commitment to accessibility is a testament to its dedication to providing a world-class experience for all visitors.



## Official, drug ring linked

State bill further regulates RU-486

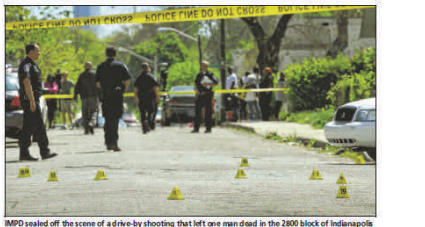
Abortion drug law likely

By Dave Kasper

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis has announced that it has filed a federal indictment against a high-ranking official of the Evansville Courier Press, linking him to a large-scale drug trafficking ring. The indictment alleges that the official, who is a prominent figure in the local media, was involved in the distribution of large quantities of controlled substances, including cocaine and heroin, to a network of dealers and customers across the region.

The indictment also alleges that the official was involved in the operation of a sophisticated money laundering scheme, designed to conceal the proceeds of the drug trafficking operation. The U.S. Attorney's Office is seeking the arrest and prosecution of the official, as well as other individuals who are believed to be involved in the drug ring.

## FEDS JOIN FIGHT TO CUT GUN CRIMES



More federal prosecutions and agents will target 5 'hot zones' in city, Hoggett says

By Tim Evans and John Tooley

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis has announced that it is joining the fight to cut gun crimes in the city. U.S. Attorney Joseph Hoggett said that his office will be targeting five "hot zones" in the city, where gun violence has been a persistent problem. The hot zones are located in the areas of the city that have the highest rates of gun crime, and the U.S. Attorney's Office is committed to working closely with local law enforcement to identify and prosecute individuals who are responsible for the violence.



## CAN YOU HEAR ME, AGAIN?

Humanoid caught running another drug ring by phone from jail

By Dave Kasper

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis has announced that it has filed a federal indictment against a man who is known as "Humanoid," a notorious drug trafficker who has been running a large-scale drug trafficking operation from inside a federal prison. The indictment alleges that Humanoid is using a sophisticated network of phone calls to coordinate the distribution of large quantities of controlled substances, including cocaine and heroin, to a network of dealers and customers across the region.



## EX-AIDE PLEADS GUILTY

Ex-deputy prosecutor in 2nd associate of Cal State to face federal scrutiny

By Dave Kasper

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis has announced that it has filed a federal indictment against a man who is a former associate of a high-ranking official of the California State Police. The indictment alleges that the man, who is a former deputy prosecutor, was involved in a large-scale drug trafficking operation, which involved the distribution of large quantities of controlled substances, including cocaine and heroin, to a network of dealers and customers across the region.



## Man accused of 'sextortion'

Authorities: Victim, victim of Facebook porn scheme attempted suicide

By Dave Kasper

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis has announced that it has filed a federal indictment against a man who is accused of "sextortion," a type of cybercrime in which a perpetrator threatens to release compromising photographs or videos of a victim unless the victim pays a ransom. The indictment alleges that the man, who is a resident of the city, has been using Facebook to contact and threaten victims, demanding ransom payments in exchange for the release of the compromising material.



## CORRUPTION PROBE WIDENS

CITY OFFICIAL INDICTED; REGGIE WALTON ACCUSED OF PROFITING FROM LAND DEALS UNDERCOVER INQUIRY: FBI, STATE POLICE HAD INVESTIGATED FOR MONTHS

By Dave Kasper

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis has announced that it has filed a federal indictment against a city official, Reggie Walton, who is accused of profiting from land deals. The indictment alleges that Walton was involved in a large-scale land development project, in which he used his position as a city official to secure favorable treatment for himself and his associates. The project involved the acquisition of large tracts of land, which were then developed into residential and commercial properties.



## Police receive \$40K grant

U.S. Attorney Joseph Hoggett presents \$40,000 grant to police

By Dave Kasper

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis has announced that it has awarded a \$40,000 grant to the local police department. The grant is part of a larger federal effort to support law enforcement agencies in their fight against crime. The grant will be used to purchase equipment, hire additional personnel, and fund other initiatives that are designed to improve the police department's ability to investigate and prosecute criminal offenses.

## BIOFUELS FIRM LINKED TO FRAUD



## 4 HOODLERS RAISED IN FEDERAL CASE

Prosecutors allege a case centered around fraud, conspiracy, and racketeering

By Dave Kasper

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis has announced that it has filed a federal indictment against four individuals who are alleged to be involved in a large-scale fraud and racketeering scheme. The indictment alleges that the four individuals, who are described as "hoodlors," were involved in a complex scheme that involved the use of force and intimidation to carry out fraudulent transactions. The scheme was designed to defraud a large number of victims, who were lured into the scheme by promises of high returns on investment.

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Fairly and justly prosecute violations of federal criminal law and to represent the United States and its agencies in civil litigation;

Educate and inform the public, including victims of crime, about the functions of the justice system and the rights of all citizens;

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## ABOUT THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Joe Hogsett was born and raised in Rushville, Indiana. He graduated from Rushville Consolidated High School in 1974. Thereafter, he completed his undergraduate studies at Indiana University — Bloomington in 1978.

In 1981, Hogsett graduated from the Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington. He then joined the Indianapolis law firm of Bingham, Summers, Welsh & Spilman, (now Bingham Greenbaum Doll), where he specialized in federal civil rights and employment discrimination litigation.



Hogsett has been engaged in the private practice of law for more than twenty years, and served as a senior partner in the Bingham firm. Most recently, he was nominated to serve as United States Attorney in July, 2010. Hogsett was sworn into office on October 7, 2010, and has served continuously since then.

## ABOUT THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

The United States Attorney is the chief federal law enforcement officer for the Southern District of Indiana. The United States Attorney enforces the federal criminal laws in all United States federal courts, represents agencies of the United States in civil cases, and argues on behalf of the United States to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

The Southern District consists of sixty counties in Indiana, and represents approximately two-thirds of the state's

population.

The district is divided into four divisions: Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Evansville, and New Albany. All four of those cities are home to federal courthouses. Cases are filed in the division having venue, which generally is where the acts in question took place.

The United States Attorney's Office is primarily based in Indianapolis, with offices in Evansville, New Albany, and Terre Haute.

